# CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	✓ Force	✓ Discourt	. U.S.
Candace Taylor		Squad #6	201408246	☐ Abuse	O.L.	✓ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Saturday, 05/31/2014 6:44 AM		§ 87(2)(b) er and 112th Precinct stat	n route to the 103rd ionhouses	103	11/30/2015	11/30/2015
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Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addre	ess			
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. POM Stephen Loschiavo	06880	949225	103 PCT			
2. POM Joseph Aniano	00106	948620	103 PCT			
3. An officer						
Officer(s)	Allegatio	n		In	vestigator Reco	mmendation
A.POM Stephen Loschiavo	Force: At Loschiav	§ 87(2)(b) in o pointed his gun at § 87(	Queens, PO Stephen	n		
B.POM Joseph Aniano	Force: At		Queens, PO Joseph	Aniano		
C. An officer		sy: At <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup> courteously to <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup>	in Queens, an of	fficer		
D. An officer	Force: At § 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b) in s breathin	Queens, an officer r	restricted		
E. An officer	Force: At physical t	§ 87(2)(b) in Force against § 87(2)(b)	Queens, an officer u	ised		
F.POM Stephen Loschiavo	Force: PC § 87(2)(b)	Stephen Loschiavo us	ed physical force ag	ainst		
G.POM Stephen Loschiavo		sy: At <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup> o acted discourteously t	in Queens, PO S oward § 87(2)(b)	Stephen		
H.POM Stephen Loschiavo	Force: At Loschiave	s 87(2)(b) in o used physical force ag	Queens, PO Stepher gainst § 87(2)(b)	n		
I.POM Stephen Loschiavo		sy: At <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup> o spoke discourteously	in Queens, PO S to § 87(2)(b)	Stephen		
J.POM Joseph Aniano		n route to the 112th Pre niano did not obtain me				
K.POM Stephen Loschiavo		n route to the 112th Pre Loschiavo did not obtain				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
L.POM Stephen Loschiavo	Force: En route to the 103rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Stephen Loschiavo used physical force against \$87(2)(b)	

## **Case Summary** On August 3, 2014, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint via phone with the Internal Affairs Bureau. It was forwarded to the CCRB on August 12, 2014, with log number 14-26753. On August 28, 2014, § 87(2)(b) contacted the CCRB as \$87(2)(b) reported this complaint. On May 31, 2014, at approximately 6:44 a.m., \$87(2)(6) left the scene of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Merrick Boulevard and Liberty Avenue in Queens, and was pursued by PO Joseph Aniano and PO Stephen Loschiavo of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to in Queens. PO Loschiavo and PO Aniano approached § 87(2)(b) with their guns pointed (Allegations A and B). An officer called §87(2)(b) a "Hoodlum" and was taken to the ground and an officer a "Piece of shit" (Allegation C). § 87(2)(b) put pressure on his back, making it difficult for \$87(2)(b) to breathe (**Allegation D**). An officer punched § 87(2)(b) in the stomach (Allegation E). As the officers were placing § 87(2)(b) in handcuffs, PO Loschiavo slapped § 87(2)(b) back of the head (**Allegation** $\overline{\mathbf{F}}$ ). In the patrol car, PO Loschiavo allegedly spat in §87(2)(b) s face (Allegation G) and punched him in the stomach (Allegation H) (01 Board Review). §87(2)(6) approached the scene and alleged that PO Loschiavo said, "Your fucking son is under arrest for leaving the scene of an accident." When \$87(2)(b) asked for his son to be taken to the hospital, PO Loschiavo said "Don't fucking question me, he left the scene and he is under arrest at this time." During their conversation PO Loschiavo said, "No fucking captain can do that." "You don't motherfucking tell me how to do my job." "This is no fucking captain's job, it's my job." "That's what you fucking preachers are all about. Right now I'm doing my fucking job and you can't obstruct" (Allegation I) (02 Board Review). En route to the 112th Precinct stationhouse, PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo did not obtain medical treatment for § 87(2)(b) (Allegations J and K). En route to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Precinct stationhouse, while in the backseat of the patrol car, PO Loschiavo allegedly bit \$87(2)(b) once on the left forearm (Allegation L) (01 Board Review). was charged with § 87(2)(b) (06 Board Review). This case was initially assigned to Investigator Luke Petrinovic on September 11, 2014 and was reassigned to Investigator Candace Taylor on December 11, 2014. Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

This case was ineligible for	or mediation because § 87(2)(b)	was arrested. As of April
3,2015,§ 87(2)(b)	and § 87(2)(b)	have not filed a Notice of Claim for
this incident (08 Board Re	eview). [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]	

#### Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

This is the first complaint filed by §87(2)(b) and §87(2)(b) (10 Board Review).

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- PO Loschiavo has been a member of the NYPD for 4 years with no substantiated allegations (Officer History).
- PO Aniano has been a member of the NYPD for 4 years with no substantiated allegations (Officer History).

#### Video Footage

Video footage was obtained from \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ which he retrieved from a commercial space near his residence. The video is approximately 20 minutes long and it shows some of the incident between \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ and the officers. In the video footage, a wooden pole obstructs portions of the incident (Board Review and 11 Board Review). What can be seen from the video is the following:

- At 06:44:34, PO Loschiavo and PO Aniano exit their patrol car, draw their guns and pointed in \$87(2)(5) s direction.
- At 06:44:46, the driver side door of \$87(2)(b) s car is opened but it is unclear which officer opened the door because a wooden pole obstructs the view.
- At 06:44:52, PO Loschiavo and PO Aniano pull \$87(2)(b) to the ground. PO Aniano is to the left of \$87(2)(b) while PO Loschiavo is to his right.
- From 06:45:05 to 06:45:10, PO Loschiavo, PO Aniano and \$87(2)(b) are involved in what appears to be a struggle and some of the actions are obstructed by the wooden pole. PO Loschiavo slaps \$87(2)(b) in the back of the head.
- At 06:46:48, PO Aniano opens the rear door behind the front passenger seat of the patrol car and §87(2)(b) is placed inside the vehicle.

## **Findings and Recommendations**

### **Explanation of Subject Officer Identification**

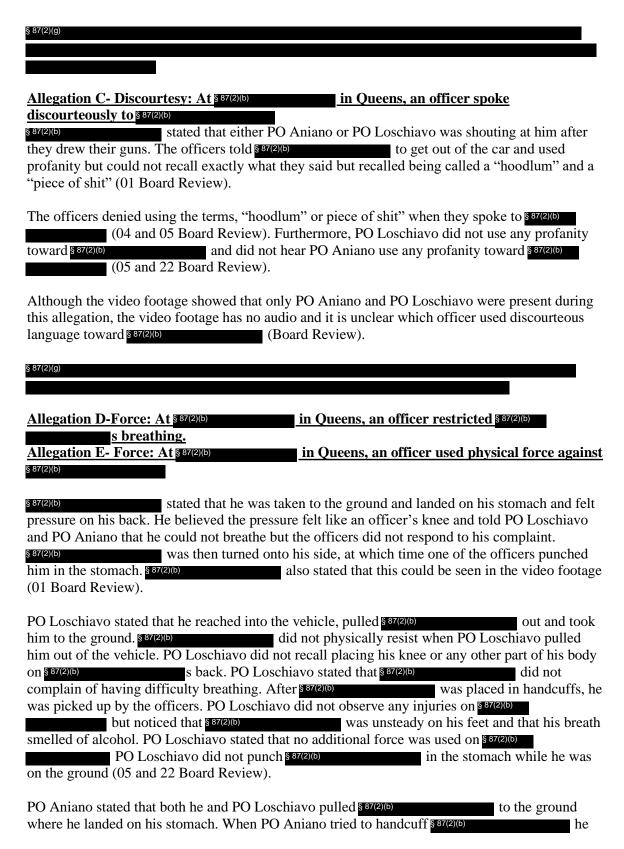
•	stated that two male officers approached min with their guils
	drawn and pointed at in Queens. Both PO Loschiavo and PO Aniano
	were confirmed from the event report and corresponding roll call that they responded to
	the scene. Both officers stated that they chased §87(2)(b) who fled the
	scene of an accident and that they drew and pointed their guns as they approached
	§ 87(2)(b) (01 Board Review). § 87(2)(g)
	(of Board Review).
•	stated that an officer used the terms, "hoodlum" and "piece of
	shit" when he was being removed from his vehicle and that an officer placed what felt
	like a knee on his back which impaired § 87(2)(b) s breathing. He was
	unable to see which officer committed these actions since his back was turned to PO
	Aniano and PO Loschiavo and the actions were not shown in the video footage. He also
	stated that he was turned onto his side, at which time an officer punched him in the
	stomach (01 Board Review). Although PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo were the only
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	officers present for these allegations, they both denied making these statements and did
	not take the actions §87(2)(b) described (04 Board Review and 05 Board
	Review) § 87(2)(g)
•	stated that an officer slapped him in the back of his head after he
	was placed in handcuffs but did not know which officer did this (01 Board Review). The
	video footage showed that the driver of the patrol car was the officer that struck §87(2)(b)
	in the back of the head (Board Review and 11 Board Review). During their
	CCRB statements, the officers confirmed that PO Loschiavo was the operator of the
	patrol car throughout the incident (04 and 05 Board Review). [887(2)(9)
	patrol car unoughout the including (04 and 03 board Keview).

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•	saw the shield number for one of the officers and recalled the same number on his arrest paperwork. He misidentified PO Loschiavo as the passenger in the patrol car and that PO Loschiavo spat in his face and punched him in the stomach (01 Board Review). § 87(2)(9)
•	stated that an officer named, PO Steven Schiabo, spoke discourteously toward him at (02 Board Review) \$87(2)(9)
	stated that he told the officers that transported him in the patrol
•	stated that he told the officers that transported him in the patrol car that he wanted to go to the hospital on multiple occasions (01 Board Review). PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo were the only officers to transport [887(2)(6)] throughout the incident and [887(2)(9)]
•	stated that en route to the 103 <sup>rd</sup> stationhouse, PO Loschiavo sat in the backseat with him and bit his left forearm (01 Board Review). §87(2)(9)
Force:	*
car and	that one of the officers grabbed him by his shirt and pulled him out of the car. §87(2)(9)
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another level or totality	cer can draw and point his firearm as a long as he has a reasonable fear for his own or 's personal safety. The determination as to when that exercise of discretion rises to the f misconduct must be made by assessing the reasonableness of the officer's actions in the of the surrounding circumstances. Police Department v. Gliner, OATH Index No. 95/00 6, 2000). (15 Board Review).
return on the return of recard PC	stated he left the scene of a motor vehicle accident to go home and his insurance card. \$87(2)(b) informed the other motorist that he would with his insurance. When he arrived home, he saw a patrol car driving toward him and did all if the siren and turret lights were activated. When the patrol car stopped, PO Aniano Loschiavo got out and ran toward \$87(2)(b) is with their guns drawn and I and when the officers reached \$87(2)(b) is they both stuck their guns very

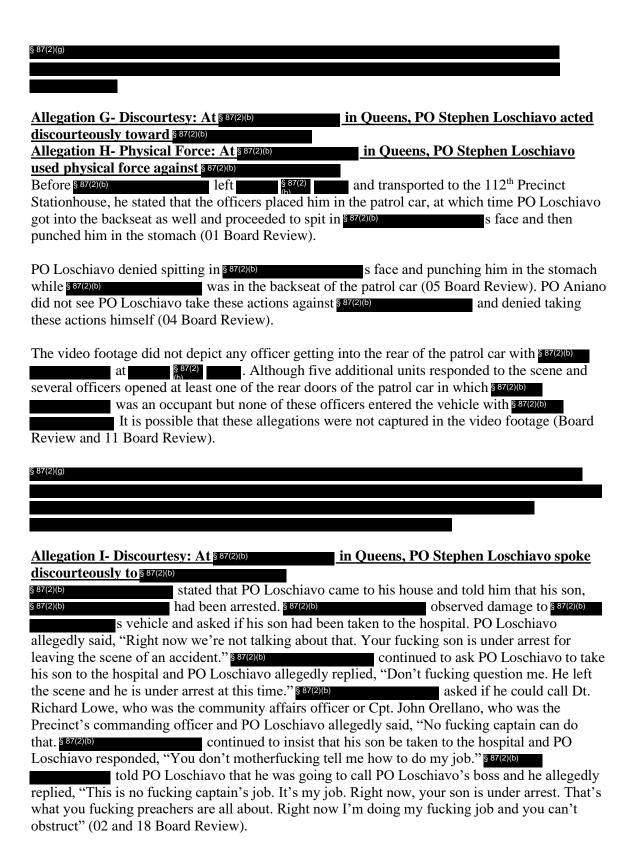
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close to his head. In a phone statement taken on January 5, 2015, \$87(2)(6) that at least one of the guns touched the left side of his head (01 and 19 Board Review). During his CCRB statement, PO Loschiavo stated that he and PO Aniano were on patrol when they heard what sounded like a car accident. PO Loschiavo saw a green sedan with front end damage flee from the scene. PO Loschiavo attempted to pull the vehicle over by activating the siren and turret lights but the vehicle did not stop. PO Loschiavo and PO Aniano pursued the green sedan which made a traffic infraction by ignoring a stop sign on 177th Street and continued to 177<sup>th</sup> Street and 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The officers approached the vehicle with their guns drawn. PO to stop his vehicle, put it in park and to get out of the Loschiavo told § 87(2)(b) vehicle several times. § 87(2)(b) did not put the vehicle in park and it rolled toward did not comply with other directives and the officers as they approached. § 87(2)(b) he was moving erratically inside the vehicle. PO Loschiavo stated that he drew his gun because he was uncertain of the circumstances that led § 87(2)(b) to flee the accident, but did not recall any officer reaching into the window with a gun (05 and 22 Board Review). PO Aniano stated that he and PO Loschiavo were hidden from view in a parking lot to observe traffic when he heard a crash. PO Aniano saw a brown car leaving the scene with a trail of vehicle fluid. PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo followed the vehicle several blocks. The turret lights and siren were activated during the chase. The brown vehicle stopped at the corner of . PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo began to approach § 87(2)(b) but they could not see his hands because of an arch in the dashboard. PO Aniano told \$87(2)(b) multiple times to show his hands and when he failed to comply, PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo drew and pointed their guns at § 87(2)(b) PO Aniano drew his gun because he feared for PO Loschiavo's safety as well as his own and he did not know what led §87(2)(b) to flee from the scene of an accident. PO Aniano stated that he did not have his gun very close to \$87(2)(b) s head (04 and 21 Board Review). , did not include any conversation The 911 call placed by the other motorist, § 87(2)(b) between herself and § 87(2)(b) in which he informed her that he was going to leave the scene and return with his insurance card. Rather, § 87(2)(b) stated that the driver ran a light and continued driving after he hit her car which was facing on-coming traffic after the accident (16 Board Review). Video footage from the incident showed § 87(2)(b) attempting to park a vehicle with front-end damage. Shortly after, a patrol car is seen with its turret lights flashing. PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo exited the patrol car, drew their guns and pointed them (06:44:31). After what appeared to be a brief verbal exchange, PO Aniano reached into the driver side window with his right arm while holding his firearm (06:44:39-06:44:41) and shortly after, both officers opened the driver side door and removed §87(2)(6) (Board Review and 11 Board Review). acknowledged that he left the scene of an accident and made inconsistent statements regarding directives from the officers about getting out of his vehicle and was inconsistent with the proximity of the officers' weapons to his head. The video footage shows that PO Aniano had the weapon in his hand as he reached into the window while attempting to from the vehicle. § 87(2)(g) remove § 87(2)(b)

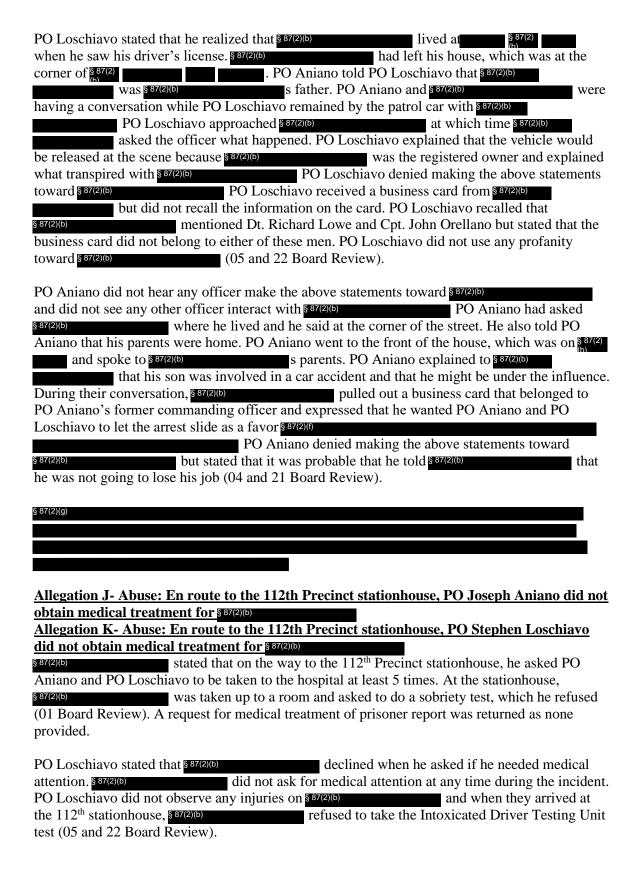


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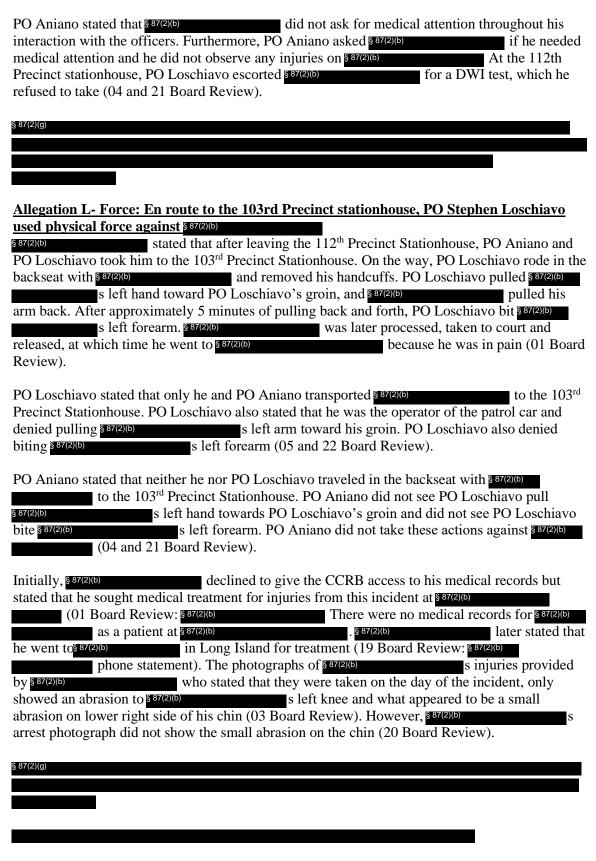
in the shoulder to gain compliance. PO Aniano felt that this action was the minimum amount of force necessary to overcome \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ s resistance. PO Aniano did not recall using his foot or any other part of his body to put any pressure on \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ was handcuffed, he told the officers that he was in the military and wanted a break. PO Aniano told him that was not going to happen. PO Aniano observed \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ was incoherent when he spoke, his breath smelled of alcohol and his eyes were blood shot and watery. The officers turned \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ on his side so that he did not asphyxiate himself and then PO Aniano and PO Loschiavo picked him up. Neither PO Loschiavo nor PO Aniano punched in the stomach (04 and 21 Board Review).
Both PO Loschiavo and PO Aniano can be seen in the video footage with \$87(2)(b) on the ground attempting to place \$87(2)(b) in handcuffs. However, some of the video footage is obstructed by a wooden pole (06:44:50- 06:46:08). \$87(2)(b) did resist in some capacity by tensing his arms and locking them against his body as the officers tried to place his hands behind his back. However, the video footage did not depict an officer with his knee or any other body part on \$87(2)(b) s back nor did it show an officer punching in the stomach (Board Review and 11 Board Review).
\$ 87(2)(9)  Allegation F- Force: PO Stephen Loschiavo used physical force against \$ 87(2)(b)
stated that one of the officers slapped him in the back of the head after he was placed in handcuffs (01 Board Review).
An officer is allowed to use the minimum amount of force necessary to overcome resistance to effect an arrest. NYPD Patrol Guide Section 203-11. (17 Board Review).
PO Loschiavo denied slapping § 37(2)(b) in the back of the head during the handcuffing process and PO Aniano did not see PO Loschiavo take this action. Both officers were presented with the video footage of the incident following their CCRB testimony. However, they still did not recall this action at the time of the incident and could not determine which officer made this gesture (04 and 05 Board Review).
The video footage showed (06:45:05-06:45:10) that the operator of the patrol car, struck to the back of his head (Board Review and 11 Board Review). \$87(2)(b) mistakenly stated that PO Loschiavo was in the front passenger seat of the patrol car. However, PO Loschiavo confirms that he was the operator of the patrol car and PO Aniano corroborated this statement. Although PO Loschiavo denied striking \$87(2)(b) in the back of the head, he admitted that he was directly in front of the patrol car and to the right of when he was on the ground after seeing the video footage. \$87(2)(g)



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